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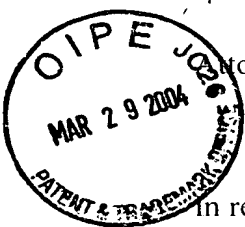
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In re: Hyoung-Joon Kim et al.

Serial No.: 10/706,647

Group Art No.: 2812

Filed: November 12, 2003

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For: METHODS OF FABRICATING INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICES PROVIDING
IMPROVED SHORT PREVENTION

March 25, 2004

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PETITION TO ACCORD THE PROPER FILING DATE

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As set forth in 37 CFR § 1.10(c) and MPEP § 506.02, Applicant hereby petitions to grant the proper filing date of November 12, 2003 rather than November 13, 2003 for the above-identified patent application as this was the date the application was deposited as "Express Mail" in the U.S. Postal Service. The following is enclosed as evidence of November 12, 2003 being the correct filing date for the application, which was properly filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

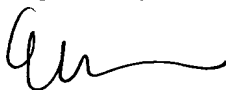
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This petition is being filed promptly after Applicant became aware of the improperly accorded filing date. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the granting of November 12, 2003 as the filing date pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.10.

On the basis that Applicant properly followed the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.10 and the USPTO failed to accord the proper filing date under MPEP § 505 and thus the need to file this petition is due to error on the part of the USPTO, it is applicant's belief that no fee is due with this petition. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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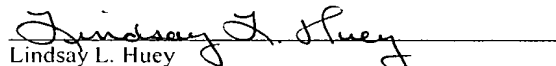


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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

- ☐ a patent application
☐ a Continuation ☒ a Divisional ☐ a Continuation-in-Part (CIP) Application of prior application no.: 10/052,721 ; filed January 18, 2002 , the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.
☐ and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____; filed _____.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **METHODS OF FABRICATING INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICES PROVIDING IMPROVED SHORT PREVENTION**

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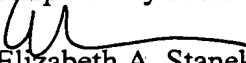
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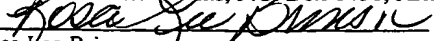

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